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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the 2011 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 64/266, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/64/19), decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2011 session at United Nations Headquarters from 22 February to 18 March 2011 and held five formal meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 217th (opening) meeting, on 22 February, the President of the General Assembly, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 217th meeting, the Committee elected its officers by acclamation, as follows:

Chair:
Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:
Mr. Diego Limeres (Argentina)
Mr. Gilles Rivard (Canada)
Ms. Asako Okai (Japan)
Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2011/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
7. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.
8. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2011/L.2).

D. Organization of work

8. At its 217th meeting, on 22 February, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Gilles Rivard (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. At the same meeting, the Chair announced that Lesotho and Nicaragua had become members of the Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136. The composition of the Committee at its 2011 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2011/INF/2, and the list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2011/INF/3.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 217th to 220th meetings, on 22 and 23 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of

Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Hungary (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Fiji (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the United States of America, Indonesia, Brazil, Peru, Bangladesh, Norway, China, Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Mexico, Switzerland, Fiji, Turkey, Singapore, Pakistan, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ukraine, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), South Africa, Uruguay, Egypt, Qatar, Israel, Eritrea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Rwanda, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Benin, Jamaica, Kenya, Serbia, the Republic of Korea, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Nepal, Cuba, Japan, Ecuador, Lebanon, Nigeria, Montenegro and New Zealand.

11. From 24 to 28 February, briefings were presented to the Working Group of the Whole on the following topics: the capability-driven approach to peacekeeping; protection of civilians; operational (including military and police) issues; field support strategy; peacekeeping-peacebuilding nexus; gender and peacekeeping; legal aspects of the monitoring and surveillance technology policy; and personnel selection processes.

12. The Working Group of the Whole and its eight sub-working groups met from 7 to 18 March, and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

13. At its 221st meeting, on 18 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the current report (see paras. 15-) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session

14. At its 221st meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

15. [to be inserted]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 147 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Liberia, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.